

REMARKS

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Segawa et al (US 4,150,859) and claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Segawa et al (US 4,150,859) in view of Glaylor (US 626,227). Moreover, claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Segawa et al (US 4,150,859) in view of Glaylor and Yamanaka (US 6, 755,095).

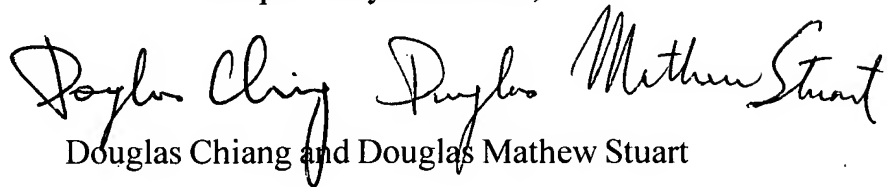
However, the Examiner has pointed out that claims 3 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Responsive to this, claim 3 is deleted and claim 1 is amended which is substantially the combination of original claims 1 and 3 so as to make the claimed invention more distinguishably patentable over the prior arts cited by the Examiner. Furthermore, claim 6 is deleted and claim 4 is amended which is substantially the combination of original claims 4 and 6. It is believed that, the amended claims 1 and 4 each have disclosed a structure whose construction and function are quite different from and patentably distinguishable over the cited prior arts. Therefore, it is believed that, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) and 103 (a) should be removed, and the amended claims 1 and 4 should be allowable.

It is further submitted the amended claims 2 and 5 should be allowable as they are respectively dependent upon the amended claim 1 and claim 4, both of which are believed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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